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Secretary of State Gerard Pelletier will be a key participant in the YMCAs of Canada annual meeting to be held May 27-30 in Geneva Park, Ont.

Policies and programs to directly influence about half a million Canadians will be hammered out by representatives from YMCAs in 76 different cities across the nation.

The Y's efforts to become a more effective social force will be evaluated, and plans prepared for the next 12 months.

The Secretary of State, whose department has collaborated with the YMCA on a number of projects, will be keynote speaker at the annual meeting banquet on Saturday, May 29th, at 6:30 p.m.

The 2½-day gathering will be opened on May 27th, at 9:00 p.m., by Rix G. Rogers, former Chief Executive of the Montreal YMCA, now serving as National Secretary of the YMCAs of Canada.

Rogers will interpret the Y's multi-faceted drive to muster resources to meet urgent concerns of the day.

Part of the agenda on Friday and Saturday will be taken up with discussions of special task force recommendations for changes in the Young Offenders' Act.

Goals for the year ahead will be summarized by Holbrook R. Davis, Chief Employee Relations Officer of ALCAN Aluminium Ltd. Mr. Davis is President of the YMCAs of Canada.

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